THE ROYAL MARTYR CHURCH UNION

THE COMMEMORATION OF THE MARTYRDOM OF KING CHARLES THE FIRST (30 JANUARY 1649)

Solemn Eucharist
at 11am on
Saturday 31st January 2026

The Priory Church of
St Bartholomew the Great,
West Smithfield, City of London

St Raphael Mass
by Johann Michael Haydn (1737-1806)

A warm welcome to St Bartholomew the Great, to this Choral Eucharist.

King Charles I was unlawfully and unjustly beheaded outside the Banqueting House, Whitehall, Westminster on 30 January 1649. This Eucharist commemorates his martyrdom on that day for the sake of episcopally ordered Churches in the British Isles.

We also commemorate the 400th anniversary of the King's English Coronation. The King was crowned in Westminster Abbey on 2 February 1626, a Scottish Coronation at Holyrood Abbey, Edinburgh following on 18 June 1633.

Please follow the directions of those responsible for the arrangements in the church, particularly those for receiving the Holy Communion.

A collection will be taken towards the considerable costs of holding this service. Please give as generously you can. If you are paying by cheque, your cheque should be payable to the **Royal Martyr Church Union**, *and either placed in the collection plate in the church, or sent to the Treasurer at 7 Nunnery Stables, St Albans, Hertfordshire AL1 2AS. Cash is also acceptable in person or by post, and major foreign currencies are most welcome.*

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Celebrant: The Rt Revd Christopher Chessun, *The Lord Bishop of Southwark & the President of the Union*
Preacher: The Rt Revd Dr Michael Beasley, *The Lord Bishop of Bath and Wells*

The service is sung by the Choir of St Bartholomew the Great
Director of Music: Mr Rupert Gough
Organist: Mr James Norrey

Organ Prelude*:* Voluntary in D minor – *Henry Purcell* (1659-1695)

When the bell rings, please stand to sing **THE INTROIT HYMN**

The Son of God goes forth to war,
A kingly crown to gain;
His blood-red banner streams afar!
Who follows in his train?
Who best can drink his cup of woe,
Triumphant over pain,
Who patient bears his cross below,
He follows in his train.

STATION *at the diptych of King Charles the Martyr and Queen Henrietta Maria, which the Bishop censes.*

The Bishop of Southwark, President of the Union, says: O Lord, we offer unto thee all praise and thanks for the glory of thy grace that shined forth in thine Anointed, our Sovereign King Charles the Martyr, and we beseech thee to give us all grace by a careful studious imitation of this thy blessed saint and martyr, and all other thy saints and martyrs that have gone before us, that we may be made worthy to receive benefit by their prayers, which they, in Communion with the Church Catholic, offer up unto thee for that part of it here militant, through thy Son, our blessed Saviour, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Prayer attributed to Brian Duppa (1598-1662)
Bishop of Salisbury, then of Winchester.

The hymn resumes in procession.

The Martyr first, whose eagle eye
Could pierce beyond the grave;
Who saw his Master in the sky,
And called on him to save.
Like him, with pardon on his tongue,
In midst of mortal pain,
He prayed for them that did the wrong!
Who follows in his train?

A glorious band, the chosen few
On whom the Spirit came,
Twelve valiant saints, their hope they knew,
And mocked the cross and flame.
They met the tyrant's brandished steel,
The lion's gory mane;
They bowed their heads the death to feel:
Who follows in their train?

A noble army, men, and boys,
The matron and the maid,
Around the Saviour's throne rejoice
In robes of light arrayed.
They climbed the steep ascent of heaven
Through peril, toil, and pain;
O God, to us may grace be given
To follow in their train.

Bishop Reginald Heber (1783-1826)
Tune: Ellacombe, *Mainz Gesangbuch, c1833*

The Bishop says alone throughout: Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. **Amen.**

The Bishop says alone: Almighty God, unto whom all hearts be open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Please sit as the choir sings **THE KYRIE**

Kyrie eleison *Lord have mercy*
Christe eleison *Christ have mercy*
Kyrie eleison *Lord have mercy*

Please stand.

The choir sings **THE GLORIA**

Gloria in excelsis Deo; et in terra pax hominibus bonae voluntatis. Laudamus te; benedicimus te; adoramus te; glorificamus te. Gratias agimus tibi propter magnam gloriam tuam, Domine Deus, Rex coelestis, Deus Pater omnipotens. Domine Fili unigenite Jesu Christe; Domine Deus, Agnus Dei, Filius Patris, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis; qui tollis peccata mundi, suscipe deprecationem nostram: qui sedes ad dexteram Patris, miserere nobis. Quoniam tu solus sanctus: tu solus Dominus: tu solus altissimus, Jesu Christe, cum Sancto Spiritu, in gloria Dei Patris. Amen.

> *Glory be to God on high, and in earth peace, good will toward men. We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory, O Lord God heavenly king, God the Father Almighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesu Christ: O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us: for thou only art holy, thou only art the Lord, thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.*

Please remain standing.

The Bishop says: Let us pray. Almighty God, whose kingdom is everlasting, and power infinite, have mercy upon thy holy Catholic Church, and in this particular Church in which we live so rule the heart of thy chosen servant Charles the Third, our King and Governor, that he (knowing whose minister he is) may above all things seek thy honour and glory; and that we his subjects (duly considering whose authority he hath) may faithfully serve, honour, and humbly obey him, in thee, and for thee, according to thy blessed word and ordinance, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with thee and the Holy Ghost liveth and reigneth, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

The Bishop sings: Almighty Father, who by the Apostle of thy dear Son hast taught us to obey God rather than man; mercifully grant that, as thy servant King Charles the Martyr was faithful unto death in defence of thy Church, so all kings and rulers may constantly endeavour to govern thy people in accordance with thy holy word, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. **Amen.**

Please sit.

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

1 Kings, chapter 1, verses 32 to 40

Read by the Reverend Emma-Jane Wilkinson,
Vicar of King Charles the Martyr, Potters Bar.

The lesson is written in the first chapter of the First Book of the Kings, beginning at the thirty-second verse.

And King David said: "Call me Zadok the priest, and Nathan the prophet, and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada." And they came before the king. The king also said unto them: "Take with you the servants of your lord, and cause Solomon my son to ride upon mine own mule, and bring him down to Gihon, and let Zadok the priest and Nathan the prophet anoint him there king over Israel: and blow ye with the trumpet, and say: 'God save King Solomon.' Then ye shall come up after him, that he may come and sit upon my throne; for he shall be king in my stead: and I have appointed him to be ruler over Israel and over Judah."

And Benaiah the son of Jehoiada answered the king, and said: "Amen: the Lord God of my lord the king say so too. As the Lord hath been with my lord the king, even so be he with Solomon, and make his throne greater than the throne of my lord king David."

So Zadok the priest, and Nathan the prophet, and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, and the Cherethites, and the Pelethites, went down, and caused Solomon to ride upon king David's mule, and brought him to Gihon. And Zadok the priest took an horn of oil out of the tabernacle, and anointed Solomon. And they blew the trumpet; and all the people said: "God save King Solomon." And all the people came up after him, and the people piped with pipes, and rejoiced with great joy, so that the earth rent with the sound of them.

Here endeth the lesson.

Please remain seated while the choir sings **PSALM 11**

In the Lord put I my trust: how say ye then to my soul, that she should flee as a bird unto the hill?
For lo, the ungodly bend their bow, and make ready their arrows within the quiver: that they may privily shoot at them which are true of heart.
For the foundations will be cast down: and what hath the righteous done?
The Lord is in his holy temple: the Lord's seat is in heaven.
His eyes consider the poor: and his eyelids try the children of men.
The Lord alloweth the righteous: but the ungodly, and him that delighteth in wickedness, doth his soul abhor.
Upon the ungodly he shall rain snares, fire and brimstone, storm and tempest: this shall be their portion to drink.
For the righteous Lord loveth righteousness: his countenance will behold the thing that is just.

THE EPISTLE

1 Peter, chapter 2, verses 13 to 22
Read by the Subdeacon, Mr Paul Carter

The Epistle is written in the second chapter of the First Epistle General of Saint Peter, beginning at the thirteenth verse.

Submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake: whether it be to the king, as supreme; Or unto governors, as unto them that are sent by him for the punishment of evildoers, and for the praise of them that do well. For so is the will of God, that with well doing ye may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men: As free, and not using your liberty for a cloke of maliciousness, but as the servants of God. Honour all men. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honour the king.

Servants, be subject to your masters with all fear; not only to the good and gentle, but also to the froward. For this is thankworthy, if a man for conscience toward God endure grief, suffering wrongfully. For what glory is it, if, when ye be buffeted for your faults, ye shall take it patiently? but if, when ye do well, and suffer for it, ye take it patiently, this is acceptable with God. For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps: Who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth:

Here endeth the Epistle.

Please stand for the GRADUAL HYMN

Remember Charles, the Martyr King.
Remember when and how
through faith he gave up everything
to keep a solemn vow.

The Church he served was his to lead.
His duty was divine.
His human frame was formed to bleed,
his kingship God's design.

He faced his captors fearlessly,
denied their right to try
a king with God's authority.
But was condemned to die.

He laid his head upon the block
as though upon a bed.
But those who witnessed reeled in shock
to see a king's blood shed.

And still the horror of that scene
leads us to share the pain
and question whether it has been
a sacrifice in vain.

But no, it gives us hope that we
may also come to share
a place in God's eternity
with saints and martyrs there.

For Jesus knew the prison's gloom,
the stab of traitor's knife.
He knew the silence of the tomb,
yet lives and gives us life.

Margery Roberts
Tune: Caithness, *Scottish Psalter, 1635*

THE GOSPEL

Matthew, chapter 21, verses 33 to 41

Sung by the Deacon, the Reverend Taylor Wilton-Morgan, Assistant Priest at St Bartholomew the Great

The Lord be with you.
And with thy spirit.

The holy Gospel is written in the twenty-first chapter of the Gospel according to Matthew, beginning at the thirty-third verse.
Glory be to thee, O Lord.

Jesus spake this parable: There was a certain householder, which planted a vineyard, and hedged it round about, and digged a winepress in it, and built a tower, and let it out to husbandmen, and went into a far country: And when the time of the fruit drew near, he sent his servants to the husbandmen, that they might receive the fruits of it. And the husbandmen took his servants, and beat one, and killed another, and stoned another. Again, he sent other servants more than the first: and they did unto them likewise. But last of all he sent unto them his son, saying, They will reverence my son. But when the husbandmen saw the son, they said among themselves, This is the heir; come, let us kill him, and let us seize on his inheritance. And they caught him, and cast him out of the vineyard, and slew him. When the lord therefore of the vineyard cometh, what will he do unto those husbandmen? They say unto him, He will miserably destroy those wicked men, and will let out his vineyard unto other husbandmen, which shall render him the fruits in their seasons.

So endeth the holy Gospel.
Thanks be to thee, O Lord.

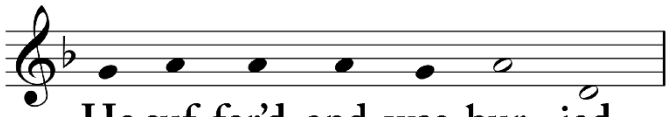
All remain standing to sing **THE CREED**
(setting by John Merbecke – c.1510-1585)

I believe in one God
the Fa-ther al- might- ty, mak-er of hea - ven and earth,
and of all things vi - si - ble and in - vi - si - ble;
and in one Lord Je-sus Christ, the on-ly be-got-ten Son of God,
be - got - ten of his Fa - ther be - fore all worlds;
God of God, light of light, ve - ry God of ve - ry God,
be-got-ten not made, be-ing of one sub - stance with the Fa-ther,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our sal-va-tion came down from hea-ven,

and was in-car-nate by the Ho-ly Ghost of the Vir-gin Ma-ry

and was made man,

and was cru-ci-fied al - so for us un-der Pon-tius Pi - late,

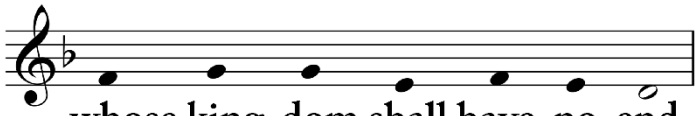

He suf-fer'd and was bur - ied.

And the third day he rose a-gain ac-cord-ing to the Scrip-tures,

and as-cend-ed in-to hea-ven

and sit - teth on the right hand of the Fa - ther,

and he shall come again with glo-ry to judge both the quick and the dead


whose king-dom shall have no end

And I be-lieve in the Ho-ly Ghost, the Lord, the giv-er of life,

who pro-ceedeth from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son to-gether is wor-ship'd and glo-ri-fied
who spake by the pro-phets,
and I be-lieve one Ho-ly Cath-o-lic and Ap-o-stol-ic Church,
I ac-know - ledge one bap-ti-sm for the re-mis-sion of sins.
and I look for the Re - sur - rec - tion of the dead
and the life of the world to come. A - men.

Please sit for **THE SERMON**
The Right Reverend Dr Michael Beasley
Bishop of Bath and Wells.

The choir sings **THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM**

O pray for the peace of Jerusalem: they shall prosper that love thee.

Words: Psalm 122, verse 6.
Music: Thomas Tomkins (1572-1656)

Please stand for **THE OFFERTORY HYMN.**

A cash collection will be taken during this hymn to support the work of the Royal Martyr Church Union.

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1. Blessèd city, heavenly Salem,
Vision dear of peace and love,
Who of living stones art builded
In the height of heaven above,
And with angel hosts encircled,
As a bride doth earthward move.

2. Christ is made the sure Foundation,
And the precious Cornerstone,
Who, the two walls underlying,
Bound in each, bounds both in one,
Holy Sion's help forever,
And her confidence alone.

3. All that dedicated city,
Dearly loved of God on high,
In exultant jubilation
Pours perpetual melody,
God the One, and God the Trinal,
Singing everlastingly.

4. To this temple, where we call thee,
Come, O Lord of Hosts, today;
With thy wonted loving kindness
Hear thy people as they pray;
And thy fullest benediction
Shed within its walls alway.

5. Here vouchsafe to all thy servants
What they supplicate to gain,
Here to have and hold forever
Those good things their prayers obtain,
And hereafter in thy glory
With thy blessèd ones to reign.

6. Laud and honour to the Father;
Laud and honour to the Son;
Laud and honour to the Spirit;
Ever Three, and ever One,
Consubstantial, coeternal,
While unending ages run. Amen.

Latin, c. 7th century, trans. John Mason Neale (1818-1866).
Tune: Westminster Abbey, *arr. from Henry Purcell (1659-1695).*

The Bishop says: Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church militant here in earth.

Please kneel.

Mrs Margery Roberts, a Trustee of St Bartholomew's Gatehouse Trust, says:

Almighty and everlasting God, which by thy holy Apostle hast taught us to make prayers and supplications, and to give thanks for all men: we humbly beseech thee most mercifully to accept our alms, and to receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord: and grant that all they that do confess thy Holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

We beseech thee also to save and defend all Christian Kings, Princes, and Governors, and specially thy servant King Charles the Third, that under him we may be godly and quietly governed: and grant unto his whole council and to all that be put in authority under him, that they may truly and indifferently minister justice, to the punishment of wickedness and vice, and to the maintenance of God's true religion and virtue. Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all Bishops, Presbyters, and Curates (especially, in the time of this See's vacancy, to the College of Bishops of the Diocese of London, and to thy servants Christopher, Bishop of Southwark, and Michael, Bishop of Bath and Wells), that they may both by their life and doctrine set forth thy true and lively word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments: and to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, that with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

And we commend especially unto thy merciful goodness the congregation which is here assembled in thy Name to celebrate the commemoration of the most precious death and sacrifice of thy Son and our Saviour Jesus Christ. And we most humbly beseech thee of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succour all them which in this transitory life be in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity (especially *N.*).

And we also bless thy holy Name for all those thy servants, who having finished their course in faith, do now rest from their labours (especially *N.*, and all other members of this Union departed this life in thy faith and fear).

And we yield unto thee most high praise and hearty thanks for the wonderful grace and virtue declared in all thy saints, who have been the choice vessels of thy grace, and the lights of the world in their several generations: most humbly beseeching thee, that we may have grace to follow the example of their steadfastness in thy faith, and obedience to thy holy commandments, that at the day of the general resurrection, we, and all they which are of the mystical body of thy Son, may be set on his right hand, and hear that his most joyful voice: "Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world." Grant this, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. **Amen.**

The Deacon says: You that do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and be in love and charity with your neighbours, and intend to lead a new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in his holy ways: draw near, and take this holy sacrament to your comfort; make your humble confession to Almighty God before this congregation here gathered together in his holy Name, meekly kneeling upon your knees.

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker of all things, judge of all men, we acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, which we from time to time most grievously have committed, by thought, word, and deed, against thy divine Majesty, provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent, and be heartily sorry for these our misdoings, the remembrance of them is grievous unto us, the burden of them is intolerable, have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us most merciful Father, for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake; forgive us all that is past, and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please thee, in newness of life, to the honour and glory of thy Name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Bishop says: Almighty God our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all them which with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him: have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Deacon says: Hear what comfortable words our Saviour Christ saith to all that truly turn to him:

Come unto me all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I shall give you rest. So God loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son: that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

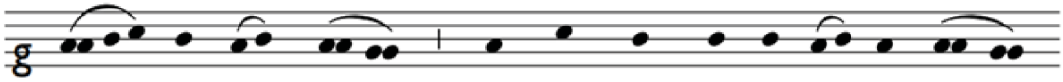
Hear also what Saint Paul saith:

This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptation, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

Hear also what Saint John saith:

If any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous, and he is the propitiation for our sins.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, Almighty, everlasting God, who in the righteousness of thy saints hast given us an ensample of godly living, and in their blessedness a glorious pledge of the hope of our calling: that, being compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, we may run with patience the race that is set before us: and with them receive the crown of glory that fadeth not away. Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name, evermore praising thee, and saying:

The choir sings: Sanctus, sanctus, sanctus, Dominus Deus Sabaoth. Pleni sunt coeli et terra gloria tua. Hosanna in excelsis. Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini. Hosanna in excelsis.

> *Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Glory be to thee, O Lord most high. Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord: Hosanna in the highest.*

Almighty God our heavenly Father, which of thy tender mercy didst give thy only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the Cross for our redemption, who made there (by his one oblation of himself once offered) a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction for the sins of the whole world, and did institute, and in his holy gospel command us to continue a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again:

Hear us, O merciful Father, we most humbly beseech thee, and of thy almighty goodness vouchsafe so to bless and sanctify with thy word and holy Spirit these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the body and blood of thy most dearly beloved Son: so that we receiving them according to thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of the same his most precious body and blood:

who in the night that he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

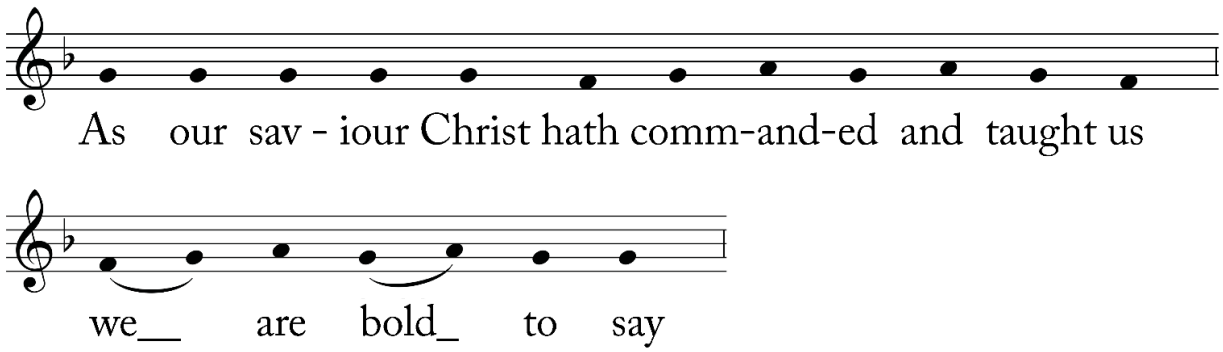
Likewise, after supper he took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of this, for this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins: do this as oft as ye shall drink it in remembrance of me.

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Saviour Jesus Christ, we thy humble servants do celebrate and make here before thy divine Majesty, with these thy holy gifts, the memorial which thy Son hath willed us to make, having in remembrance his blessed passion, mighty resurrection, and glorious ascension, rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same.

And we entirely desire thy Fatherly goodness, mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, most humbly beseeching thee to grant, that by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we (and all thy whole church) may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and lively sacrifice unto thee, humbly beseeching thee that whosoever shall be partakers of this holy communion, may worthily receive the most precious body and blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be fulfilled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in them, and they in him. And although we be unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice: yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offences, through Jesus Christ our Lord; by whom, and with whom, in the unity of the holy Ghost, all honour and glory be unto thee, O Father almighty, world without end. **Amen.**

The Bishop sings:



Our Fa-ther, which art in hea-ven
Hal - low - ed be thy__ name. Thy king-dom come:
thy will be done in earth as it_ is_ in hea - ven,
give us this day our dai-ly bread, and for-give us our tres-pass-es
as we for-give them that_ trespass a - gainst us
and lead us not into temptation. But deliver us from e-vil.
For thine is the King-dom, the power and the glo - ry,
for ev - er and ev - er. A - men._____

The Bishop says: We do not presume to come to this thy table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We be not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy table. But thou art the same Lord, whose property is always to have mercy: grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. **Amen.**

THE HOLY COMMUNION

After the clergy and the altar party have communicated, please come to the Communion rail. All baptised and communicant members of other Christian Churches are welcome to receive the Holy Communion. Otherwise, all are welcome to receive a Blessing.

The choir sings: Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis. Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis. Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, dona nobis pacem.

> *(O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.)*

The choir sings **THE COMMUNION MOTET**

Senex puerum portabat, puer autem senem regebat: quem virgo peperit, et post partum virgo permansit. Ipsum quem genuit, adoravit.
The old man carried the child, but the child ruled the old man; him whom the Virgin brought forth, and after childbirth remained a virgin him whom she bore, she adored.

Text: Graduale Romanum
Music: William Byrd (c.1540-1623)

After all have received the Holy Communion, please kneel to pray.

The Bishop says: Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee, for that thou dost vouchsafe to feed us, which have duly received these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious body and blood of thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ, and dost assure us thereby of thy favour and goodness towards us, and that we be very members incorporate in thy mystical body, which is the blessed company of all faithful people, and be also heirs through hope of thy everlasting kingdom, by the merits of the most precious death and passion of thy dear Son: we now most humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in, through Jesus Christ our Lord; to whom with thee and the holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. **Amen.**

Please remain kneeling for **THE BLESSING**

The Lord be with you.
And with thy spirit.

God give you grace
to follow King Charles the Martyr,
and all the saints,
in faith and hope and charity:
and the blessing of God Almighty,
the Father ✠, the Son, and the Holy Ghost,
be amongst you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Please stand for THE RECESSIONAL HYMN

1. Christ who rules o'er earth and heaven,
Champion of the broken cause,
Raising victory out of failure,
Vindicating Heaven's laws,
By the blood of martyrs winning
Glory for thy Holy Name,
By their sacrifice rekindling
True devotion's dying flame.

2. Through our nations' troubled history
Saintly rulers of the land
Often served thy sacred purpose,
Raising up at thy command
Churches, hospitals and abbeys
For relieving pain and grief,
Seeking by wise laws to banish
Ignorance and unbelief.

3. For our Church thy servants praise thee,
For the paths her saints have trod,
Bishops wise as Lancelot Andrewes
Learned in the ways of God;
Poets, artists and musicians
Nurtured in thy Holy Word,
Weaving goodness, truth and beauty
Into garments for the Lord.

4. But the puritan's fierce anger
Blazing into civil strife,
Stripped thy temple of its beauty,
Undermined the Church's life;
Banned the ancient ways of worship,
Dignified and orthodox,
Shattered glass and sacred carving,
Severed shepherds from their flocks.

5. Then they seize a royal scapegoat,
Bring a kingly stag to bay,
In the person of the Monarch
Seeking Church and State to slay.
Calm he faces his accusers,
Calm he hears the sentence read,
Then to thee, the Judge Eternal,
Bows he his anointed head.

6. In the very dead of winter,
Underneath a bitter sky,
Silent crowds in frozen horror
Come to see their Sovereign die.
Silent stand the surly troopers,
Silent fall the people's tears,
Silent steps he to the scaffold,
Silent lips are moved to prayers.

7. At the block he says, "Remember"
Lays aside his George and gown,
Kneels in prayer, then gives the signal
Which bestows the martyr's crown.
As she sees his life-blood flowing
England shudders at her fate,
Dreading who may next be slaughtered,
Victim of the rebels' hate.

8. Blessed Charles the Royal Martyr,
May we in these evil days
Keep the faith for which you suffered,
Join with saints of former days
Giving praise to God the Father,
God the Son and Holy Ghost
For the martyrs of our nation
And for all the heavenly host.

Remain standing for the NATIONAL ANTHEM

1. God save our gracious King,
Long live our noble King,
God save the King!
Send him victorious,
Happy and glorious,
Long to reign over us;
God save the King!

2. O Lord our God arise,
Scatter his enemies,
And make them fall!
Confound their politics,
Frustrate their knavish tricks,
On Thee our hopes we fix,
God save us all!

3. Thy choicest gifts in store
On him be pleased to pour,
Long may he reign;
May he defend our laws,
And ever give us cause
To sing with heart and voice
God save the King!

Organ Voluntary: Prelude in B minor (BWV 544) – *J. S. Bach* (1685-1750)

Following the service, please make your way to the Cloister, where sherry is served, and the Loyal Trust will be offered.
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SUNDAY SERVICES

9am, St Bartholomew the Great (Lady Chapel)
Holy Communion

10am, St Bartholomew the Less
Family Eucharist

11am, St Bartholomew the Great
Choral Eucharist

5pm, St Bartholomew the Great
Choral Evensong and Sermon
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